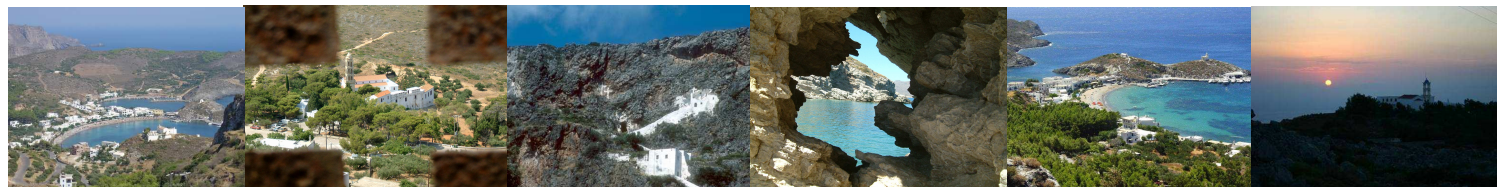




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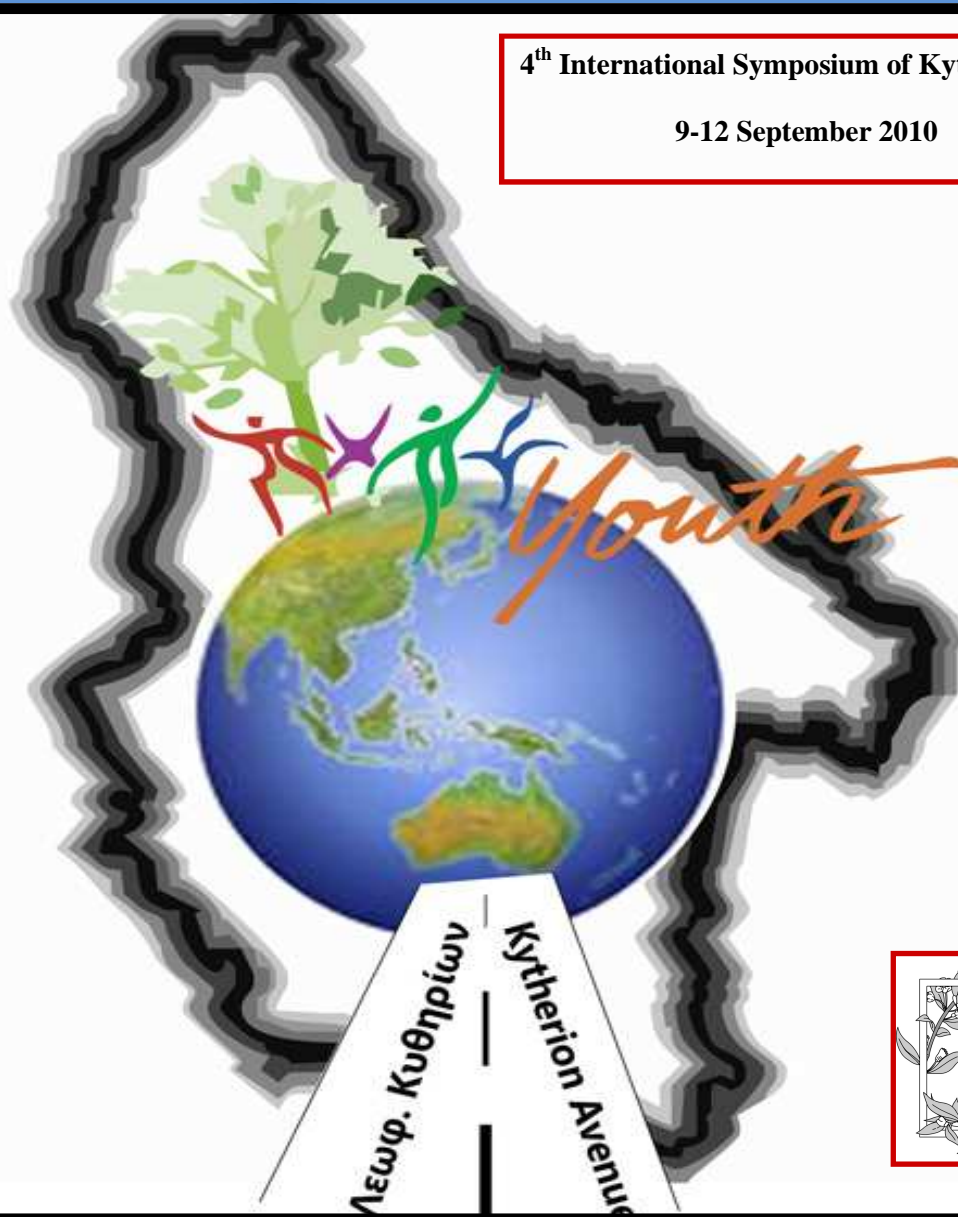
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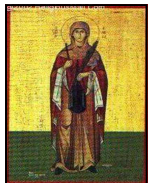


Fridays 23rd July - 24th September 2010

Weekly Greek dancing lessons - Term 3
(see p.23 for details).

Sunday 1st August 2010

Ayia Elesa Liturgy,
Kogarah Church.



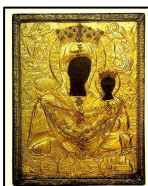
**Friday 9th - Sunday 12th
September, 2010**

4th International Symposium
of Kytheraismos in Athens
(details on pages 4 -7).



Sunday 26th September, 2010

Panayia Myrtidiotissa
Liturgy & Panayiri at the
Greek Orthodox Church,
Kogarah.



**Tuesday 2nd November
2010**

Kytherian Ladies' Auxiliary Melbourne
Cup Fashion Luncheon.

MUMS & BUBS

"Mums and Bubs" outings are to be held
once a month on a Friday, for babies and
children up to 4 years.

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Editor's Note



Well it is official! I am an empty nester (albeit for just three more weeks). Two have moved out and the third is still finding his way around Europe.

My life has done the whole rollercoaster ride of having children, watching them grow, start school, finish school and higher studies and move out to begin their own lives.

It is not as difficult as I thought it would be.

Nothing has changed greatly...I am still constantly on the mobile phone, whether it is messaging or ringing, just keeping tabs on everyone's whereabouts.

The house is certainly a lot quieter (and neater I might add) and there is a lot less laundry for only two people. However, I do miss the company and the conversations at the kitchen table about everyone's day.

Needless to say, apart from the World Cup, July was an extremely quiet month for me.

However, a few members of my family have been travelling in the past four weeks but only one encountered strikes.

Were the strikes in New Zealand? Melbourne? England? Italy? Spain? France? Holland? Czech Republic?

Germany? Of course not. Greece? Of course.

My poor brother was on a whistle-stop trip to England and Greece. He had four days allocated to Kythera and was about to board the plane, when a strike grounded the flight.

Most people would have cancelled their plans but not this hardy traveller. He put a hastily conceived contingency plan into action and was able to spend about two days in Kythera. He even found time to write an article for me.

I really don't want to be critical of our fellow Greeks but it never ceases to amaze me how they do not deal with crisis well. Who in their right mind would strike during the height of the tourist season, when Greece desperately needs tourists to help boost the flagging economy!

Isn't it time that they unite as a nation and start playing by the rules to help get Greece back on the road to recovery?

The following cartoon is courtesy of the Guardian.co.uk dated 29th April, 2010. I think that it speaks for itself.





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Kythera's Magic Green Pool

Our Kythera, ever full of surprises, last week yielded up yet another to me, although I've been exploring the island almost every year since 1984. The seed was planted after a dinner in Potamos I had when major friend and minor geek (and Greek) Nicholas Gianniotis – usually tinkering with website coding in Tokyo – mentioned in passing that they'd been on a boat trip to the west coast of the island. His wonderful wife Keiko showed us pictures she'd taken of a huge ocean pool they'd visited. I'd never seen it before. Nicholas and Keiko explained they had reached the pool, invisible from the sea, after hopping from rocking boat to shore and then making a short but nasty climb up volcanic rock. They didn't know if the pool was even accessible from land.

Ever ready for a challenge, I sent out an "adventure email" to regular hikers on the island, announcing our plans to find the pool. Nicholas had taken a GPS-reading of the pool's location so I knew its approximate position south of Limnionas, but not how to get there. A couple of Greek friends had also visited the pool before by boat. They assured me access by land was impossible as the pool was surrounded by "sheer cliffs". Well, I've been around Greeks long enough to know how



My 8 year old son skipping up the "sheer cliffs" to the pool.



overly-cautious they can be – I remember my yiaia considering skateboard-riding to be tantamount to attempted suicide, and local fisherman explaining to me that no-one on Kythera had catamarans due to the fact that the waters were so treacherous (despite smallish sailing boats visiting the island regularly). So I didn't take their warnings particularly seriously. It was certainly possible that the

pool was inaccessible by land, but I wasn't going to be put off by unsubstantiated Greek warnings.

In the end we had a group of 10 explorers, most of them coaxed into the adventure by the intrepid Dara and John Faros-Wilson.

My own mountain-goats Jasper and Louie (8 and 11) led the way from the outset as we scampered over the coastal flats south of Limnionas, regularly looking over the edge of the cliffs for signs of the secret pool. We skirted the rim of a huge brown crater – see the map – and after scaling a rise braved the coastal volcanic rock in the final push to the probable location of the pool. Jasper, a few hundred meters out in front, was first to spy the edge of the pool, and less than 90 minutes after having left Limnionas we were at a magic green pool, in volume about as big as an olympic-sized pool. Separated from the ocean, it seems to receive its water completely from the stormy occasions where the waves crash a few meters up the shore. As a result of this and due to evaporation by the sun, the pool is slightly saltier than the ocean itself and offers correspondingly high buoyancy. It is full of small fish and has an almost luminous green glow to it in the evening light. Parts of it are deep and cool and others are shallow, warm and dotted with sea anemones. It's definitely a "must-see" and swim for all who can handle a mildly strenuous trek. Just don't forget to take your shoes, goggles and swimmers with you!



Sponsor a Trail!

In a previous newsletter I reported that a group of us are arranging for the wonderful trails of Kythera to be sign-posted to make them more accessible to all. We're now preparing our EU submission – they will double any sum we can raise for the trails. The Aroney Trust and the Kytherian Association of Australia have already generously put into the pot, and the local council has also committed itself financially. We only need about €10,000 more to reach our target. If you'd like a trail dedicated to you or your family, you can contribute and your name will appear on the signs! Remember every Euro you donate will be matched by the EU! For more details see www.kythera-hiking.com or send me a mail.

James Prineas, james@kythera-family.net

You are the authors! Kythera-Family.net - the online cultural archive for Kythera - aims to preserve and reflect the rich heritage of a wonderful island. Members of the community are actively invited to submit their family collection of Kytherian stories, photographs, recipes, oral histories, and home remedies etc. to the site. Uploading directly to the site is easy and free. Thus we can help make available valuable and interesting material for current and future generations, and inspire young Kytherians to learn more about their fascinating heritage.

4th International Symposium of Kytheraismos



*The Kytherian and Philo-Kytherian Youth all over the world:
Childhood dreams, Youthful aspirations, High-level achievements*

**Kytheroupolis (Alimos) Attiki
9-12 September 2010**

Call for participation

Dear compatriots and Philokytherians all over the world,

The Institute of Kytheraismos in association with its local committees all around the world, the Kytherian Brotherhoods and other Associations, organizes in Kytheroupolis (Alimos) Attiki the 4th International Symposium of Kytheraismos.

Main topic of the Symposium is:

**The Kytherian and Philo-Kytherian Youth all over the world:
Childhood dreams, Youthful aspirations, High-level achievements**

The presentations must be limited to a maximum of twenty minutes long, and the official languages of the Symposium will be Greek and English. Those wishing to make a presentation should complete the attached registration form, giving their names, the title of the presentation and a short abstract (120 words approx.) in Greek and English. Please send the participation form by the **20th of July, 2010** to the following address: Mr. Elias Marsellos, Institute of Kytheraismos, 81 Heroon Polytechniou Ave., Piraeus, 18536 Greece, tel. 0030/210.4599414, fax. 0030/210.4599415, e-mail:

symposium@kytheraismos.gr The presentations must be sent in two languages, by the **1st of August, 2010** in the same above address or by e-mail.

The conference will host cultural events, entertainment activities, musical concerts, theatrical performances etc.

Kytheroupolis, Attiki 20th May 2010

The Chairman of Organising Committee
Elias A. Marsellos

Active Youthful Kytherian and Philokytherian Participation in the Kytheraismos Symposium

The term **Youthful Philokytheraismos** refers to the spontaneous spiritual mood of each young person, regardless of his place of origin, to be involved and participate in anything Kytherian. This can be from the customs and traditions of our island to established local and national events, and being well-disposed towards all mankind, maintaining friendly ties with Kythera and Kytherians all over the world. A Philokytherian who becomes Kytherian through marriage, visits to the island, familiarity with Kytherians and contact with the history and the traditions of the Kytherians, soon discovers that he has become one with the values, visions and the ideals of Kytheraismos. If he is young, then so much the better for him, but especially the region.

Youthful Kytherian Voluntarism is a term by which we mean the direct and organised contribution of young Kytherian and Philokytherian people to the community as a whole. There is no demand for exchange but an active and effective contributory action towards the whole society stratification, whether that is the third age, the elderly or the newborn who just now faced the sunlight. It can mean helping address a disaster (earthquake, floods etc) or helping a drug addict to detox.

The term **Youthful Kytherian Participation** means the spontaneous, free and exclusive decision by the young Kytherian to take part in a joint effort. Since his registration becomes, with the municipality or community of his origin (particularly if he is emigrant who wishes to acquire a Greek identity card and passport), the gradual entitlement to vote and stand for gradually election, his participation in the public affairs of his country, island or village (politics), the public youth councils (for example that of Kythera), the local committees for Kytherian youth of Kytheraismos everywhere and so forth. We must also not forget that Kytherians and Philokytherians acquiring Greek citizenship directly acquire European citizenship.

Those three recent but important and necessary terms are linked together, we would say they are synonymous (for if you refer to one you also mean the others). They are complementary terms, as one is a continuation of the others; they are significant because they lead essentially to the gradual formation and reformation of the society. A society of young people, but primarily people with new ideas, people who feel young, and they keep their charisma for ever.

Each Kytherian body with a small or large field of action, these bodies can comprise the Municipality, the Eparcheio (Sub-prefecture), the Kytherian institutions within and outside Greece and our associations, has an obligation to help in this attempt of gathering Kytherian and Philokytherian youth. They can include each Kytherian who has a place in an organisation, a company, each compatriot professional all over the world.

We are all obliged to stand with those who wish to shape a better society than ours, whether they are our children, our brothers or our “unknown” friends who will shortly be participating in a common struggle with us. That struggle will be on a number of levels – from the safeguarding of our history, traditions and culture to the future of the next generations, who will successively pass the baton with the values and the visions of our race. It will also be from the improvement of the quality of life and environment today to ensuring a better living to those who are in the last stage of their lives, particularly after the labours of a long journey (third age). Primarily, however, it will be for the newborn but above all for those who will take on the fate of our region after us – today’s youth.

What can we remember from the past? The example of the young people at the 2004 Olympic Games, the voluntary contribution for over 30 years of the Anonymous Tsirigotissa to the residents of the Aged Home and the Kytherian community, the opening of the first runway at Kythera airport by a handful of Tsirigotes, the Metropolitan of Kythera’s group of voluntary social carers, the group Friend’s of the Child and so many more.

In this difficult period of international and domestic crisis, we experience, where the structures of social institutions and the family are being tested, Kytherians and Philokytherians from around the world (who traditionally have “close” families) have the advantage and capability to face with strength the various challenges of our times.

The need to maintain the ethos, values and family traditions of the Kytherians, demands the conservation of our youth’s Kytherocity which is the distinctive mark that distinguishes it from other youth. Let’s emphasise and enrich these young souls and values through Kytherocity. Each young person can and must have youthful ambitions which they cultivate and struggle to implement. Specifically, in the areas where we live Kytherian and Philokytherian youth have other qualifications, share solidarity between youth and society, youthful ambitions but also youthful subsidiarity which will intervene additionally on broad social issues, to which the state will fail to contribute.

In concluding this article which directly involves Youthful Kytherian Participation, Youthful Kytherian Voluntarism and also Youthful Philokytheraismos, we would like to stress that the Institute of Kytheraismos has put the above into action. Firstly, it established youth committees, alongside its local committees, wherever the Kytherian heart beats. Secondly, a large number of Kytherian youth are working entirely without payment with their only motivation being their love for the ideas and visions of Kytheraismos. Thirdly, there is a multitude of young Philokytherians who have been “grafted” with the Tsirigotic culture and have been “watered” by the “first Tsirigotic rains” of autumn. In other words the provetza doesn’t affect them, doesn’t scare them because they have been “baptised” and “rebaptised” in the springs of Kytherocity. While they are already proven in their fields of activities they essentially are the best ambassadors for Kytheraismos world-wide.

That is why youthful Kytherian participation is needed in the **4th International Symposium of Kytheraismos in Kytheroupolis** (9-12th September 2010). It will be the most ACTIVE YOUTHFUL KYTHERIAN AND PHILO-KYTHERIAN PARTICIPATION that has ever occurred.

PROPOSAL OF THE MONTH

Kytheraismos Reunion (The Antamosi of Kytheraismos)

Every year, our island is crowded by our compatriots from abroad, who spend their holidays there, specifically in August days. This is also the case with our compatriots from Attiki. Therefore, we would like to propose the undertaking of an annual gathering of Kytherians, permanent island residents and attending compatriots from Attiki and abroad, on Kythera on the last Friday of August. It could become an institution and will be called **Kytheraismos Reunion (The Antamosi of Kytheraismos)**.

This “Reunion” will commence with a service at Panagia Myrtidiotissa, in the presence of local officials, and will end in a beautiful, simple and moving event at the Symbol of the Kytherian Emigrant, at Fratsia. It is there, that our compatriot, including his whole family, will be able to meet friends, relatives and other compatriots. He will be able to exchange ideas, to express his complaints but also to be informed about issues relevant to him; in particular, issues concerning the youth (education, training, military service etc), investments, inheritance, the search for ancestors and much more.



The thematic units of the Symposium

1) Youthful Kytheraismos and Philo-Kytheraismos

Kytherian youthful identity and Kytherocity
 Childhood dreams
 Education (students mobility)
 Modern Greek classes
 Children's camping in Kythera
 Training (practical training programmes)
 Employability
 Youthful entrepreneurship - investing in the Kytherian youth
 Youth and tourism (alternative tourism, hiking tourism etc.)
 Creative employment programmes

2) Youthful quality of life

Youth with obstacles (social, economic, geographical), educational difficulties, cultural differences and special needs
 Health and well-being
 Mental and sexual health
 Sport and Physical activity
 Healthy life styles
 Environment

3) Kytherian and Philo-Kytherian young active citizens

European citizenship
 Civic participation (politics, local government, local associations-foundations, municipal youth committees, youthful and productive local committees of Kytheraismos)
 Voluntary activities, cross-border mobility, helping older people
 Youthful aspirations
 Youthful subsidiarity
 Solidarity between youth and society

4) Youthful Kytherian culture

Creativity – innovation – talents
 Leisure
 Cultural activities – multi-cultural youth – cultural diversity
 Kytherian roots, heritage
 Social inclusion (inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities) – 2010, The European year against poverty
 Kytheroupolis: The Cultural Capital of Kytheraismos for the years 2010-2012 (several activities)
 Youth artists (dancing, music, etc.)

5) Kytherian digital youthfulness – information technology

Kytherian electronic library
 E-Kytheroupolis
 World Kytherian youthful week
 The relationship of the youth with technology in Kythera, Australia and the rest of the world (an electronic bank of ideas to promote a more efficient exchange of know-how)
 Personal inter-connection (facebook, twitter, etc.)

6) Kytherian Youth and the world

Participation on global issues (earthquakes, climatic changes, immigrations, sustainable development goals, human rights etc.)
 Youth inter-connection
 Youth solidarity
 High level achievements
 Kytherian agreements (scholarships, international meetings, training, exchanges on different continents, employment, voluntary opportunities with regions outside Europe)

Three parallel thematic workshops

Workshop 1: Kytherian participation
 Workshop 2: Kytherian voluntarism
 Workshop 3: Kytherian multi-culturalism

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The panel discussion:

Youthful Philo-Kytheraismos

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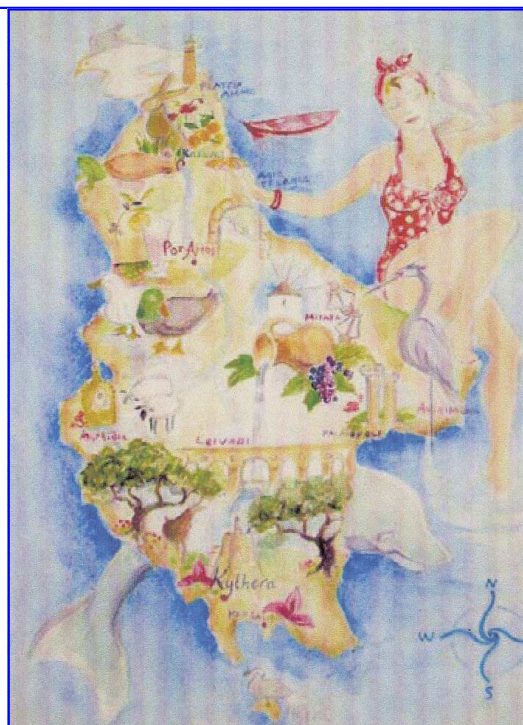
To all Kytho-philes out there in cyber space, **Kythera Summer Edition** is finally available on-line

http://www.visitkythera.gr/uploads/kythera_summer_edition.pdf.

The 2010 Edition is packed with fascinating projects occurring now, Underwater Diving with John Fardoulis, a 2-page spread on Anti-Kythera, Lita and Timothy Gregory's Karavas Water project, Searching your Family Roots with Gaye Hegeman, a tribute to the amazing work of the late Jurgen and Anna Koksma and much more. Check-out the fantastic photos and source the directory for all the essential Kytherian phone numbers. Have a great summer wherever you and your loved ones are...and drop us a line!!!

(For any of our readers who are unfamiliar with 'Kythera, Summer Edition'; it is an annual newspaper that is available on the island during the summer months, to assist tourists and locals alike with information regarding Kythera).

The front page is opposite and the article below is written by our own intrepid Jacques Cousteau aka John Fardoulis.



UNDERWATER ADVENTURES AROUND KYTHERA

story and photos by John Fardoulis

The waters surrounding Kythera may appear eerie if peering over the railings of a ship but to see what really lurks below the surface diving enthusiast John Fardoulis takes us with him on an underwater adventure.

PRIOR TO 2005, Scuba diving (with tanks) was illegal in Kythera without obtaining a special permit from the Underwater Archaeological Ephorate. The law has since changed, opening up underwater Kythera to recreational divers as a virtually pristine, largely unexplored adventure area. SCUBA stands for *Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus*, helped made popular by Jacques Cousteau after the Second World War. By virtue of its location at the crossroads of the Mediterranean, Kythera has a rich maritime history, both as a trading place and navigational hazard. Dangerous weather patterns have haunted mariners for more than five millennia, causing many ships to sink around Kythera and its surrounding regions.

Kythera is fortunate to have remained virtually untouched, suffering little damage from pollution. Being slightly remote has also protected its natural underwater resources. Kythera's underwater seascape is similar to its terrestrial landscape, mountainous, with steep drop offs in many places. The water is a deep iridescent blue - think cult free diving movie "The Big Blue".

The wreck rising out of the water just off Dia-kofiti is the *Nordland* (cargo ship) which sank in October 2000. Being a "new" wreck and not in the path of maritime traffic, it's legal to dive it. The *Nordland* wreck is a great dive and is pretty much accessible to all levels of divers. Some parts of the *Nordland* wreck can be seen from the surface and half way to the bottom, making it great for Open Water divers, particularly with 25+ metre visibility being usual. More experienced divers can venture down to the propeller which is located at a depth of approximately 28-30m in sparkling clear,



blue water. Less light travels further down towards the bottom, creating a darker environment where

underwater torches are useful in providing illumination. Parts of the ship's bridge still exist, although they are gradually collapsing. Currently the hull is still in one piece, sloping diagonally back from above the surface, all the way down to where it rests on its keel, towards the stern. It is easy to swim from one side to the other underneath the hull.

Empty holds are visible down the middle, with the bow quarter rising above the surface. Waves splash against a partially enclosed area where sunken parts meet the surface, acting a bit like a cave and making a loud, low pitched sound each time a wave bounces back.

If the *Nordland* wreck was located near Athens, or in fact any large city, dozens of people would be venturing over to it each day. A number of other older wrecks are also located around Kythera but Scuba diving (with tanks) is prohibited without a permit.

Dimitris Kourkoumelis from the Ministry of Culture's Underwater Ephorate and volunteers from the Hellenic Institute of Marine Archaeology excavated a 400 BC wreck in the 1990's on the northern side of Mikri Dragonara. They recovered a number of stone anchors which are now on display in front of the Kytherian Museum (which remains closed since 2006).

Freediving/breath hold diving without tanks is allowed along most parts of the coastline, as long as those in the water don't obstruct maritime traffic. Scuba diving in port areas such as Kapsali, Avlemonas and a few other places is still restricted, particularly in zones where known shipwrecks of over 50 years of age have been located by the authorities. Even still, at least 70% of the coastline around Kythera is now open to diving and is likely to attract a growing number of underwater adventurers in the near future.

Spear fishing and Scuba diving (with tanks) remain separate activities by law. The reason for this is that using tanks to stay down an hour at a time, sometimes more - gives a diver an unfair advantage. The port police once inspected our boat and told us that if they catch anyone with both tanks and a spear gun on the same boat, they will confiscate the boat.

Kythera is a mostly unexplored island, so don't expect to see an abundance of fish but those who appreciate a rugged terrestrial landscape above the surface will find an equally dramatic deep blue seascape, with lots of small caves, swim-throughs and reef formations to explore.





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Kythira is a million magical worlds all rolled into one and all of them are waiting for you to explore. For ancient history buffs the island is the home of the cult of Aphrodite, for nature lovers the luscious greenery intoxicates and the water-springs refresh, romantics can confirm their inclination by collecting heart-shaped pebbles on beaches, for those who just want to sit and watch sunrise hues brushed across the sky can become an unforgettable photograph opportunity or you can sip a Greek coffee in traditional cafes while checking your email, for the spiritual types why not light a candle in remembrance of your ancestors. It's all here and more... so dive-in and begin your adventure!

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E-postcard from Kythera

I am writing this piece from the Lemoni cafe in Kapsali which offers free internet access. It is Sunday morning and after a hectic 36 hours on the island I am sipping a cappuccino, *diplos kai zestos*, and contemplating this idyllic island.

I originally booked on Athens Airways only to discover that the airline's operator's licence for the Kythera run was cancelled. So I booked with Olympic and was set to fly into the Island of Aphrodite on Thursday 15th July for 4 days. But no. Greece's rolling and unpredictable strikes meant that Thursday's flight was cancelled and I had to find alternative means to get to the island. The airline official I spoke to me laughed when I reminded him of that song, *Ta Kythera: pote then that ta vroume*.

Anyway, I got here via Nafplion, Monemvasia, Neapolis, the ferry crossing on the F/B Porfyrousa and courtesy of my new in-laws to be, Manuel and Helen Paneras.

It is still early in the season and the tourist numbers are good, but not yet the droves that are expected in August. The smells and tastes of summer abound in the tavernas that line Kapsali beach and no doubt are replicated in restaurants and cafes around the island. My beautiful bridge in Katouni still stands tall and proud, as a monument from the British administration of the island. It is hard to believe that it is over 180 years old. At night, its central arches are illuminated. They were actually laying internet broadband cable on the road leading up to the bridge when I arrived. Such is the technological advancements on the island!

The water is great and swimming is always a relaxing and enjoyable pastime, particularly when the temperatures are double those back in Sydney. But not heat wave conditions. It is so difficult to decide whether to have your coffee now, or go for a swim and then indulge in your coffee addiction. Yes I know, life's hard.

The Australian hordes have not yet descended on the island or, if they have, they are not apparent in the south of the island (aka *mesa dimou*). I saw Peter and Chrissa Vlandis dining in Kapsali, both looking tanned and vibrant and totally relaxed. We bumped into Jim Cassim and his family, first at Milopotamo and later in Kapsali, together with his mother, Poppy Cassimatis. It is fair to say that Sophie Cassim has finally realised how lucky she is, in common with other *xenoi* girls, to have married Kytherian. What can I say? It's just divine providence (of the Aphrodite version) that is at play here.

Went to Avlemona. Someone told me that the large anchor that rests near the fishing boat fleet is actually from the Mentor, the brig that sank off Avlemona in 1802. It was carrying Lord Elgin's pillaged loot – infamously described by Elgin to the then honorary British consul on the island, Calucci, as “stones of no value” - from the Acropolis. As we approached, two elderly locals, basking in the glorious afternoon sun, assured us that it was from the *Mentora* and lamented the lack of any sign or other information. I hope it is, because it adds to the ongoing Kytherian connection with the Parthenon Sculptures.

The cave of Ayia Sophia is still stunning, with the stalactite and stalagmite formations giving it a literally iconic appearance. The walk down to the cave along the rugged coastline and in sight of the azure Ionian sea is an experience.

Hora is still bustling at night. My cousin who operates the upmarket cafe and bar, *Fos Fanari*, has now opened *Pagatomania*, a true haven for ice cream-a-holics. The arts community of Kythera is also out in force with many interesting exhibitions planned for August. Worth a visit.

The reconstructed and restored windmill at Kalokerines – with Maria's fabulous bakery – is well worth visiting to see how flour was milled in a bygone age.

The only disappointing note is the continued closure of the museum. It is a real shame and a blight on the island's history and traditions that the various rich artefacts from our Minoan, Venetian and British experiences, not to mention other recent finds from the Neolithic period onwards, are literally locked away in cases or are displayed in other museums off the island.

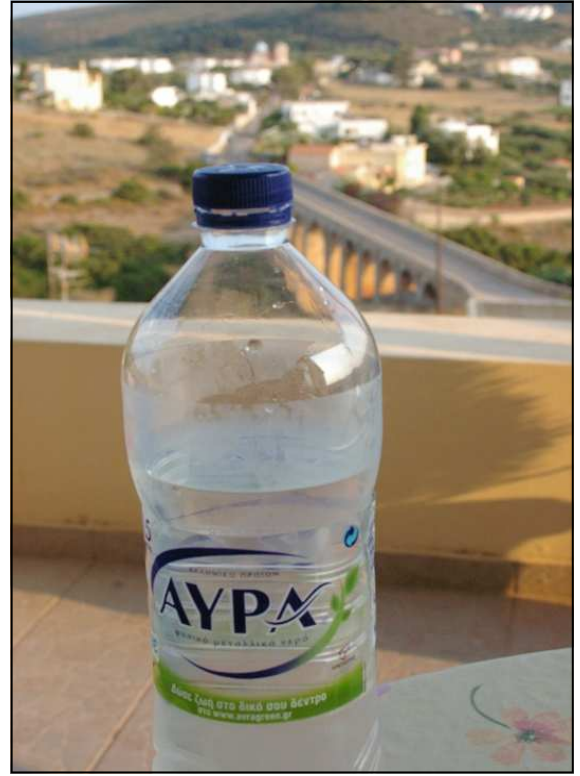
The recently rebuilt Archaeological Museum of Nafplion is stunning and sets out the various archaeological finds from the surrounding areas in a magnificent way. But more about that on another occasion. We have to bring pressure to bear on the Greek Culture Ministry to remedy this problem on the island.

That's it for now. I have attached some photos of scenes from Kythera, an island which forever remains embedded in my soul and memory. Until next time....





The last two photos are of the wonderful creperie 'Vanilia' that is found in Kapsali. The owner is French and consequently makes crepes the way only the French can! There is nothing better than the amazing peach melba crepe (with real peaches and cherry 'glyko')....delicious!!!!





Social News



Anniversaries



Mr Steve & Mrs Anna Poulos (Georgopoulos), of Roselands recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by enjoying a memorable evening at the Wentworth Sofitel in Sydney with their family.

Steve and **Anna** were married on the 4th June 1950 at the Agia Triatha Church in Sydney and honeymooned at the Jenolan Caves. They initially ran a business in Gladesville where their first son **Theo** was born.

Shortly afterwards they were blessed with a daughter who was named **Rene (Erini)**. They then moved and settled in Belmore where they operated a Milk bar for a period of twelve years.

In 1964, **Anna** and **Steve** sold the business and moved to Kingsgrove where a third child **Peter** was born. All three children are married and have children.

Anna and **Steve** have 7 grandchildren.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion and 'na ta ekatostisete!'



Weddings



A celebration of love and marriage was held on July 3rd, 2010 between **Nick Alfieris**, youngest son of **George & Stella Alfieris** of Lakemba, and **Evy Xafellis**, youngest daughter of **John & Dina Xafellis** of Georges Hall.

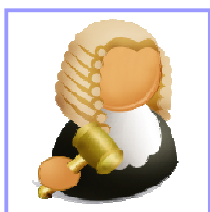
The wedding was held at the Greek Orthodox Church of All Saints Belmore followed by a stunning reception for over 180 guests in the Lake Room of the Waterview Convention Centre, Bicentennial Park.

The bride and groom were attended to by Koubara **Josephine Legas**, Bridesmaids **Renee** and **Kayla Mantikos**, groomsmen **Emmanuel** and **James Comino**, pageboy **George Alfieris** and flower girl **Victoria Alfieris**. Two junior flower girls **Victoria** and **Elizabeth Grave** completed the bridal party.

It was a fantastic sun-filled winter wedding and the evening provided romance, joy and lots of laughter.

The couple are enjoying their European honeymoon and are looking forward to their visit in Kythera where they will meet up with friends and family from Sydney.

Congratulations **Nick & Evy!!**



Congratulations

William Paul Summers, son of **Paul and the Late Georgia Summers** has recently qualified as a barrister in NSW.

To qualify, **William** needed to pass the gruelling NSW Bar exams and in addition, complete a full month's training (May 2010) at the Supreme Court of NSW.

This training concluded on Saturday, 29 May 2010 with a Mock Trial. The Mock Trial was a criminal matter involving real judges (or barristers acting as a judge) with all new barristers fully robed with wigs and gowns for the day.

The photo shows **William** in full gown and wigs with his family, **Betty Summers** (**William's** step mum), **Paul Summers** (dad) and **Cleopatra Sclavos** (**William's** fiancée).





BLAST FROM THE PAST! WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?



(1)



Matron of Honour: Mrs Charles Caravousanos.

Debutantes & Partners (in no order): Effie Harantzis & Theo Coroneos, Irene Poulos & George Vlandis, Rene Poulos & George Balos, Maria Poteris & Theo Poulos, Anne Sklavos & Con Critharis, Helen Cassimatis & Bill Vakas, Irene Papadakis & Kerry Chambers, Pauline Cominos & Paul Coroneos, Effie Matsaniotis & John Matsaniotis, Maria Condoleon & Peter Coroneos, Jay Tapp & Paul Poteris, Marianne Caravousanos & Andrew Caravousanos.

Flower Girls: Helen Goulousis and Elizabeth Stais. **Evzone:** Anthony Sklavos.

(2)



Standing (L-R): Michael Mallos, Peter Thomas, Theo Poulos, Anthony Kanaris, Jim Conomos, Theodore Simos, Emmanuel Varipatis.

Seating (L-R): Victor Kepreotis, Arthur Vellis, George Vardas (President), George Giaouris (Vice President), Spiro Tzannes.

The Kytherian Association has in its archives, copies of most ball programmes dating back to the 60's. The "Blast From The Past" page will include random photos scanned from those programmes.

Answers: 1) 1969 Debutante Ball official photo. 2) 1999 Kytherian Brotherhood Committee.

PS. Watch this space....you never know when your photo might appear!

BORN TO BE A KYTHERIAN....THEN AND NOW.

Many fellow Kytherians have followed my journey through life as a Kytherian; the journey with my family, through times of joy and sorrow.

I grew up in a Kytherian home of Kytherian parents. My father was a man who believed in values and wished only the best for his family. He was well known amongst the Kytherian society for the active part he played in the lives of many.

Here in Australia, we were given so much. Every winter, we would purchase new quality coats. I remember one day, when my mother was buying me my yearly coat, I saw a beautiful bonnet with flowers and a wide yellow satin ribbon for tying under the chin. My mother bought it for me as she would always buy me whatever would make me happy.

From this life, we went to a simpler one in Kythera, where we would walk the paths and roads from the family home in Kato Livadi to Upper Livadi, braving the cold winds and trying to avoid stepping on large stones so that we could visit my grandparents.

Going to Kythera as a teenager, I witnessed my father once again, being generous and wishing to impress his sisters with wonderful gifts. He bought them beautiful blue and white sapphire rings, wanting to see their pleasure as he knew that these would be gifts that they would not expect. It would also show that he had become a successful businessman. Sadly, he was greeted with 'what good are these' as they were not suitable for wearing when his sisters worked the fields daily. His hurt has remained with me to this day. The radio he gave them, which was run with batteries was accepted with pleasure, but the demands to buy an even bigger one left him feeling unappreciated. This brought us to the point where we considered leaving the family home and renting one which had been left vacant by a family living in America.

There are many stories told, all speaking only of how much happiness and pleasure filled every day, but in actual fact, family life in Kythera was no different from any other. Disagreements were intermingled with everyday living but hushed as the importance of showing a happy front was all important.

I was often exposed to arguing, as relatives would tell us exactly what they would like to be given. However, we had to be mindful of their innocence, not greed and explain that we would happily leave certain items when the time came to leave. The shoes which were necessary to walk the roads with the stones, the clothes which were required for the elements of the island, all needed while we lived there. I myself had gone from a slim 15 year old girl to a plump 16 year old. I blamed the water that I would bring up from the well near our home, as the task caused me to have such a ravenous appetite when I got back. So leaving my clothes behind did not pose a problem for me.

My greatest wish had always been to return to Kythera but seeing photos and hearing news that an expensive road had been built in Lourandianika made me realise that the Kythera I loved was no longer the island I that remembered. Progress has indeed come to the island.

I recall family and friends who are now all gone. When I returned to the island, I found myself going to the cemeteries, looking for the resting place of loved ones but finding only a few. Life generally had not changed greatly though. I realised that the clothes I wore were admired by one of the local young women. I gave her an expensive pair of colourful pants, expecting her to wear them on special occasions. Much to my surprise, I saw her wearing them as she worked in the fields. It did not matter as it made her happy. Such simplicity was a breath of fresh air.

Memories cannot be put into a category. They come when I least expect it. My mind goes from being a teenager here in Australia to a teenager in Kythera. Then just as suddenly, my thoughts go to times many years on.

As I look back, I find myself thinking of my grandfather and Uncle Nick. What would they think if they saw the sealed road at Lourandianika? Progress has come to our beautiful island. The sadness I feel as I think of the blue doors near where I learnt so much about life from my wise grandfather, now displaying a satellite dish. The home where there was no facility but a stone hut where we would visit with a small shovel when nature called, has changed indeed.

As I look at the memorial wall next to my bed, a wall where my loved ones' photographs watch over me, I often feel that when a thought comes to me, solving a difficult problem, that they are giving me the guidance that seems to solve my dilemma. My mother's photo, now next to my father on my wall brings with it the fragrance of her favourite perfume 'Evening in Paris'. I found myself looking for this fragrance and finding it and so it will always remind me of her.

The loss of one's parents, no matter what age we may be, is difficult. Does the pain ever subside? I still look at my telephone, feeling the need to pick it up to ring my father, even though he passed away 28 years ago. The yearning remains. Looking at the screen when the phone rings, wishing it to show a private number and thinking that it may be my mother calling to ask about my health, my husband and her grandchildren. Always finishing with a message to tell them she sends her love.

Kythera, like everything in life has progressed and changed, but for me it will always be the island of simplicity and beauty and it has my heart now and always.

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A REMARKABLE LIFE

PROF. HARRY GEORGE POULOS AM BE PhD DScEng FIEAust FASCE FAA

Professor Harry George Poulos was born in 1940 in Katoomba, Australia, the second son of George Poulos (Tzortzopoulos) and Elene (nee Zantiotis originally of Karavas, Kythera. His father George had come to Australia from Kythera in the early 1930's, and Elene and elder son Theodore arrived in Australia some years later, in 1939.

Harry went to school in Katoomba and went on to be dux of the school in 1956. He entered Sydney University in 1957 to do a civil engineering degree, and graduated in 1961 with 1st class honours. Commencing research for a PhD degree at Sydney University in 1961, he was awarded the degree in 1965.

In 1964 he married Maria Langley, 2nd daughter of James and Angela Langley (originally Anastasopoulos), who had moved from Grafton to Sydney in 1962. James was originally from Aroniathika and Angela (nee Varipatis) was from Kapsali. Harry and Maria have 4 children, who now are married or engaged and 6 grandchildren.

He commenced his professional career as an engineer with the consulting firm of Wagner and Priddle in 1964, the following year was appointed a Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering in January 1965 and rose there to the position of Head of School of Engineering which he held until 2001. He started as Director of Advanced Technology at Coffey Partners International in Sydney in 1988, was appointed Chairman in 1991 and is presently the Senior Principal there.

Harry retired from Sydney University in 2001, but is an Emeritus Professor there and still retains a close association.

He continues to practice as a consulting engineer with the firm of Coffey Geosciences, in their Sydney office, where he is a Senior Principal. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

He is an avid reader and book collector, with special interests in North American sociology, modern history, philosophy, and archaeology. He is also a sports fan, having played cricket for many years. He represented the Blue Mountains in his earlier career, and then played for some years with Bexley Cricket Club and then with the Sydney University Veterans. He also coached soccer when his sons were playing. One of his proudest achievements in this area was to have coached his Under 16 Roselea side to the State Championship in 1987.

RESEARCH

Professor Poulos' research has concentrated on the analysis of the settlement and deformation of foundations and earth-supported structures. Primarily, interest has been in analysing the settlement and rate of settlement of shallow foundations and in developing methods of predicting the load-deformation behaviour of pile foundations. This work has been extended to include the deformation of embankments and earth dams, the evaluation of various methods of improving the performance of foundation on soft clays, and the behaviour of offshore foundations.

One of the foremost objectives in this work has been to present the results of research in a form which is readily usable by practising foundation engineers. This has been achieved by presenting, wherever possible, parametric solutions for the various problems considered or, in cases where the number of variables is too great, developing user-oriented computer programs.

A summary of recent research topics is given below:

- (a) theoretical analysis of the effects of cyclic axial and lateral loading on pile foundation,
- (b) laboratory model tests to examine the response of piles to cyclic loading and to compare with the theoretical analyses,
- (c) correlations between measured and predicted behaviour of full-scale pile foundations,
- (d) behaviour of foundations on calcareous soils.
- (e) stabilisation of slopes with piles.
- (f) design of remedial foundation systems.
- (g) influence of construction-induced ground movements on piles.
- (h) seismic response of piles.
- (i) behaviour of pile groups containing defective piles.
- (j) pile-supported pavements and embankments.
- (k) foundation correction for buildings undergoing uneven settlement.



This was taken in July, 2003, in Kuala Lumpur, at the site of piling works for the “Smart Tunnel” (a joint flood control and transport tunnel) that is being constructed there.

Harry Poulos is second from the left, in the company of three Malaysian engineers working on the project.

Research Group: Centre for Geotechnical Research

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) BE (Hons I), April 1961, University of Sydney
- 2) PhD, April 1965, University of Sydney
- 3) DScEng, April 1976, University of Sydney

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 1) Australian-American Education Foundation Award (Fulbright Scholarship (Senior)), 1969-70
- 2) Warren Prize, Institution of Engineers, Australia, (shared) 1972
- 3) J. James R. Croes Medal, American Society of Civil Engineers (shared) 1973
- 4) W.H. Warren Medal, Institution of Engineers, Australia, (shared) 1985.
- 5) E.H. Davis Memorial Lecturer, Australian Geomechanics Society, 1987.
- 6) John Jaeger Memorial Award, Australian Geomechanics Society, 1988.
- 7) Fellow, Australian Academy of Science, 1988
- 8) Fellow, Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, 1996
- 9) Honorary Fellow, Institution of Engineers Australia, 1999
- 10) 29th Rankine Lecturer, Institution of Civil Engineers, London, 1989.
- 11) Member of the Order of Australia (General Division) (AM), 1993.
- 12) State-of-the Art Award, American Society of Civil Engineers, 1995.
- 13) Schiffmann Lecturer, Cornell University, 1996.
- 14) Ardaman Lecturer, University of Florida, 1997.
- 15) 8th Buchanan Lecturer, Texas A&M University, 2000.
- 16) Chin Fung Kee Memorial Lecturer, South East Asian Geotechnical Society, 2001.
- 17) British Geotechnical Association Prize, 2001
- 18) Geotechnical Research Medal, British Geotechnical Society, 2001
- 19) 5th Sowers Lecturer, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2002
- 20) 9th Casagrande Lecturer, Boston Society of Civil Engineers, 2002
- 21) 2nd Jennings Memorial Lecturer, South African Geotechnical Society, 2002
- 22) Special Service Award, American Society for Testing Materials, 2003

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 1) Fellow, American Society of Civil Engineers.
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- 3) Member, Association of Consulting Engineers, Australia.
- 4) Member, American Society for Testing Materials.
- 5) Australian Geomechanics Society (Chairman, 1982-84).
- 6) Australasian Vice-President, International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, 1989 - 1993.
- 7) Member, Australian Earthquake Engineering Society.
- 8) Member, International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics.
- 9) Member, International Society for Rock Mechanics.
- 10) Member, International Association of Engineering Geology.

(This article is courtesy of our kythera-family net website).

SUMMARY OF KYTHERIAN CHRONOLOGY

Courtesy of Kythera-Family.net.

This timeline is an excerpt from Mr Peter Vanges's wonderful book, 'Kythera, a History' (1993), which is still available from the Kytherian Association.

3,000 B.C.

Evidence of organised life on the island with trade connections with Crete.

2,000 B.C.

Cretan civilisation at its peak. City of Skandia built and flourishing. Island is known by the name Porphyrousa; the capital city under construction.

1,400 B.C.

Volcanic eruption of Santorini. Knossos falls and Cretan civilisation disappears. Skandia and settlements of the island destroyed.

1,300 B.C.

Phoenicians establish trading posts on the island. Worship of Aphrodite introduced to the island that is known by the name Kythera.

1,900 B.C.

Trojan War begins. Mention of the Kytherians. Lykophron and Amphidamas.

1,150 B.C.

Dorians occupy Kythera. The city of Kythera built.

800 B.C.

Greek colonisation of Mediterranean regions.

600 B.C.

Kythera under Spartan rule.

456 B.C.

Kythera taken by the Athenians.

439 B.C.

Philoxenos, the Kytherian, was born.

421 B.C.

Kythera returned to Sparta.

393 B.C.

Kythera taken by Athenians.

378 B.C.

Kythera retaken by Spartans.

344 B.C.

Alexander chosen supreme General of Greek Armies for the invasion of Asia.

323 B.C.

The death of Alexander the Great.

300 B.C.

Rise of the Roman Empire. The island under Spartan rule.

100 B.C.

Pirate attacks against Kythera.

A.D. 267

Pirate attacks continue.

A.D. 291

Theodoros arrived on Kythera. Pirate attacks continue.

A.D. 375

Elesa arrived on Kythera and was beheaded,

A.D. 500

Mention of a Christian diocese on Kythera.

A.D. 662

Kythera under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Rome.

A.D. 655

Pirates control seas off Kythera.

A.D. 800

Powerful earthquake and tidal wave damaged Kythera.

1100

The beginning of the Crusades.

The Eudaemonogiannis ruled Kythera from Sparta.

The holy icon of Myrtidiotissa found.

1200

The city of St Dimitrios - Paliohora - was built. The citadel of Potamos built.

1207

Marco Venieri was appointed Marquis of Cerigo. Kythera becomes known as Cerigo.

1300

The construction of the fortress of Hora.

1363

Cretans revolt against Venetians. Venetians assume direct rule on Kythera.

1453

The fall of Constantinople.

Continued....

1537

The destruction of Paliohora.

1560

The construction of the fortress of Mylopotamos.

1571-72-79

Continuous Turkish attacks on Kythera.

1715

Kythera occupied by Turks.

1776

Migration to Asia Minor (Smyrna) begins.

1780

The Kytherian peasants revolt.

1797

The French liberate Kythera.

1798

Turkish and Russian forces occupy Kythera.

1799

Anarchy and disobedience rule the island.

1800

The Russians depart.

1803

The constitution of the Democracy of the Ionian islands was passed.

1808

The French return.

1809

The British take possession of Kythera.

1817

New constitution is introduced.

1821

The proclamation of the Hellenic revolt against the four hundred years of Turkish occupation. Construction of many roads on the island begins.

1824

The historian Ioannis Mikelis writes the History of the island of Cerigo while in exile there.

1840

Kytherians declare desire to unite with Greece.

1863

The Ionian parliament votes on union with Greece.

1864

British forces depart from Kythera.

King George I visits Kythera.

1902

Efthimios Kavathas appointed as Bishop.

1905

National Bank of Greece opens branch at Hora.

1917

Kythera is declared an independent state.

1922

The Kytherian Brotherhood of Australia formed in New South Wales, Australia.

1926

Foundation stone of the high school of Kythera is laid at Hora.

1928

Anglo-American Bank opens sub-branch at Potamos.

1930

Electricity generator at Potamos.

1933

The foundation stone of wharf of Agia Pelagia is laid.

1936

Electrification of Hora.

1939

World War II erupts.

1941

Kythera under German occupation.

1944

The Germans depart. E.A.M.-E.L.A.S in control.

The formation of the Kytherian Association of Queensland, Australia.

1944

British land at Kapsali and Avlemona.

1945

The Australian government encourages immigration.

The following article is courtesy of the Nugas magazine "Epimetheus" (2009 page 30).



BYZANTIUM THROUGH THE AGES



Approx. 33 A.D. – The Resurrection of Christ. The early Christians were infrequently persecuted by the predominantly pagan Roman Empire on account of their monotheism and belief in Jesus Christ.

312 A.D. – After a vision of the true cross, Constantine the Great, Roman Emperor, Converts to Christianity.

330 A.D. – Constantine's efforts to reshape the Empire resulted in the establishment of what was to be a new, Christian capital city, the New Rome. This city was established on the remains of a small fishing town near the Bosphorus named Byzantium and was later to be named Constantinople in the emperor's honour.

325 -787 A.D. – As the Church grew, interpretations of the essential dogmas of the Christian faith varied. The seven ecumenical councils were held to safeguard the revelation of God under the aegis of the Byzantine Emperor.

527 A.D. – Justinian the Great's reign saw the emergence of a distinctive Byzantine Empire, as represented by his greatest achievement: his construction of the Church of Holy Wisdom, which became the paradigm for all subsequent Orthodox churches.

1054 A.D. The Great Schism – Doctrinal conflicts between the papacy and the patriarch of Constantinople splits the undivided Church of the first millennium into two main strands: Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy.

1095-1204 A.D.– The first four crusades involved increasing relations between Rome and Constantinople in the face of the common Muslim threat. Unfortunately, the fourth crusade was redirected against Constantinople and resulted in the sacking of the city and the establishment of a Western kingdom in its place.

1261-1453 A.D – The last period of the great Byzantine civilisation saw the reconquest of Constantinople by the Greeks and a flourishing Renaissance. This, however, was cut short by the advance of the Ottomans, who captured the city in 1453, putting an end to this thousand year old Christian empire, the spirit of which still lives on in your local Orthodox Church.



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